

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method comprising:
in response to a first key stroke comprising an ALT+TAB key combination,
displaying a plurality of graphical icons corresponding to running applications;
detecting coordinates of a mouse pointer in a display screen displaying the
plurality of graphical icons;
associating the coordinates with one of the plurality of graphical icons;
calculating a number of TAB key presses required to move from a currently
highlighted icon to the icon associated with the coordinates;
highlighting the icon associated with the coordinates;
receiving a mouse click event to select the highlighted icon;
~~in response to a mouse input, selecting one of the graphical icons; and~~
displaying the running application corresponding to the selected icon.
- 2- 4. (Canceled)
5. (Currently amended) A method comprising:
determining whether an ALT+TAB keystroke has been received;
if so, displaying a plurality of graphical icons representing currently running
applications in response to a first key stroke;
highlighting a currently selected application of the currently running applications;
determining whether a TAB keystroke has been received;
if so, highlighting a next icon;
determining whether an input from a pointing device has been received;
if so, associating coordinates of the pointing device with one of the plurality of
graphical icons, calculating a number of TAB key presses required to move from a

currently highlighted icon to the icon associated with the coordinates and highlighting the icon associated with the coordinates;

determining whether the ALT key has been released; and

~~in response to an input from a pointing device, selecting one of the graphical icons; and~~

~~if so, switching on an operating system to the currently running application represented by the selected icon.~~

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) The method of ~~claim 5~~ claim 5, wherein the pointing device is one of a mouse, a stylus, a laser pen, a trackball, a touch pad, and a touch screen.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising:

if a predetermined time period has not expired or an ESC key stroke has been received; stopping the method.

10. (Currently amended) A machine readable medium containing program instructions for execution on a processor, which when executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform a method according to claim 1. [[:]]

~~in response to a first key stroke, displaying a plurality of graphical icons corresponding to running applications;~~

~~in response to a first mouse input, highlighting one of the graphical icons; and~~

~~in response to a second mouse input, swapping a currently selected running application for the running application corresponding to the highlighted icon.~~

11. (Currently amended) The A machine readable medium of claim 10, wherein the highlighting comprises: containing program instructions for execution on a processor,

which when executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform a method according to claim 5.

~~detecting a position of a mouse pointer on a display screen;~~

~~resolving the position into an identification of the graphical icon to which the mouse pointer points;~~

~~comparing the identification of the graphical icon against an identification of a currently highlighted icon; and~~

~~if the identifications do not match, calculating the number of times to press a TAB key in order to move a highlight mark from the currently highlighted icon to the graphical icon to which the mouse pointer points.~~

12-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

determining whether an ALT+TAB keystroke has been received;

if so, displaying graphical icons representing currently running applications in response and continuing to display the graphical icons after the ALT+TAB keys are released to a first key stroke;

highlighting the graphical icon representing the currently selected running application;

starting a timer to measure a predetermined time period, and before the timer expires or an ESC keystroke is received,

in response to a ~~second~~ TAB key stroke, highlighting the graphical icon immediately adjacent to the highlighted icon; or

in response to a first mouse input, associating coordinates of the mouse with one of the plurality of graphical icons, calculating a number of TAB key presses required to move from a currently highlighted icon to the icon associated with the coordinates and highlighting the icon associated with the coordinates;
~~highlighting the graphical icon designated by the first mouse input;~~

in response to a second mouse input, switching to the application represented by the icon ~~designated by~~ highlighted in response to the first mouse input ; and

~~in response to a release of the first key stroke, switching to the application represented by the currently highlighted icon.~~